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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 9, line 1, please amend the paragraph beginning there-at into two paragraphs as follows:

"Referring now to Figures 2A-2C, solid chocolate is molded at a chocolate factory into the shape of a cylindrical rod to match the cylindrical shape of the heating chamber 104. The chocolate rods and heating chamber may have various cylindrical shapes, three of which are illustrated in Figures 2A-2C. In Figure 2A, cylindrical chocolate rod 200A is a circular cylindrical shape. In Figure 2B, cylindrical chocolate rod 200B is a square or rectangular cylindrical shape. In Figure 2C, cylindrical chocolate rod 200C is a triangular cylindrical shape. Cylindrical chocolate rods 200A, 200B, and 200C are generally referred to as a cylindrical chocolate rod 200 or cylindrical chocolate rods 200.

Referring now to Figures 3A-3C, various other shapes of solid chocolate are illustrated which can be prepared at a chocolate factory. In Figure 3A, a chocolate chunk or chocolate cube 300A is illustrated. In Figure 3B, a chocolate chip or a chocolate kiss 300B is illustrated. In Figure 3C, a chocolate ball or sphere 300C is illustrated. In other cases, the solid chocolate may be irregularly shaped such as when a user breaks or cuts off chunks from a chocolate bar."

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Page 10, line 29 through page 11, line 11, please amend the paragraph there-at as follows:

"Referring now to Figure [[1C]] 1B, another embodiment of the chocolate dispenser is illustrated. Chocolate dispenser 100A' includes a squeeze bulb 160 in order to apply air pressure to chocolate in the chamber and extrude it out of the opening 130 in the nozzle 108. The squeeze bulb 160 includes a one-way air valve 162 and an air chamber 164. At the top of the chamber is a cylindrical lip 166 and a cylindrical slot 167. The squeeze bulb 160 includes a cylindrical flange 168 that engages the cylindrical lip 166. The cylindrical flange 168 has a cylindrical seal 169 that engages the cylindrical slot 167 to provide an air tight seal. The squeeze bulb is formed of flexible material such as rubber, plastic, or silicon to allow it to be squeezed and the air in the air chamber 164 forced out into the heating chamber 104."

Page 11, line 29 through page 12, line 20, please amend the paragraph there-at as follows:

"Referring now to Figure [[1D]] 1C, another embodiment of the chocolate dispenser is illustrated. Chocolate dispenser 100A'' includes a flexible bladder 170 and a fill tube cap or stopper 172 in order to apply mechanical pressure to chocolate in the chamber 104' and extrude it out of the opening 130 in the nozzle 108. The flexible bladder 170 includes an upper seal 172A and a lower seal 172B to couple to the case 102 and provide a liquid tight seal. In this embodiment, the flexible bladder 170 and the thermal conductive body 103' form a

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collapsible heating tube or chamber 104'. A portion of the collapsible heating tube or chamber 104', the flexible bladder 170, is mechanically squeezed to apply pressure and force out the chocolate from the chamber through the opening 130 in the nozzle 108. When decoupled, the fill tube cap or stopper 172 allows chocolate to be inserted into the chamber 104'. When coupled to an end of the chamber 104', the fill tube cap or stopper 172 provides a liquid tight seal to deter chocolate from escaping through that end of the chamber 104'. The flexible bladder 170 is formed of flexible material such as rubber, plastic, or silicon to allow it to be squeezed to press out the chocolate in the heating chamber 104'. The fill tube cap or stopper 172 is formed of plastic in one embodiment. The fill tube cap or stopper 172 can be pressed, snapped onto or screwed onto the end of the heating chamber 104'."